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SECRET WARS II

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GUEST-STARRING
THE FANTASTIC FOUR
AND THE AVENGERS!
PLUS
THE X-MEN AND
THE NEW MUTANTS!

AND
DOCTOR
STRANGE
TOO!

AL
STEVE



**"BEYONDER
BITES THE DUST!"**

Beyond time, space, and the myriad dimensions lies another universe to which our own is as a droplet of water to the ocean. The One Who Is All in that other universe has learned of our universe and has come here to walk among us, that he might come to understand the essence of humanity.

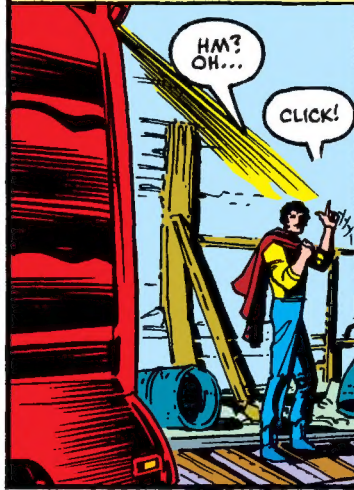
The fragile Earth trembles beneath his feet, dreading his godlike omnipotence.

Stan Lee PRESENTS: SECRET WARS™ II

NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C., A SOLITARY FIGURE WALKS NORTH...

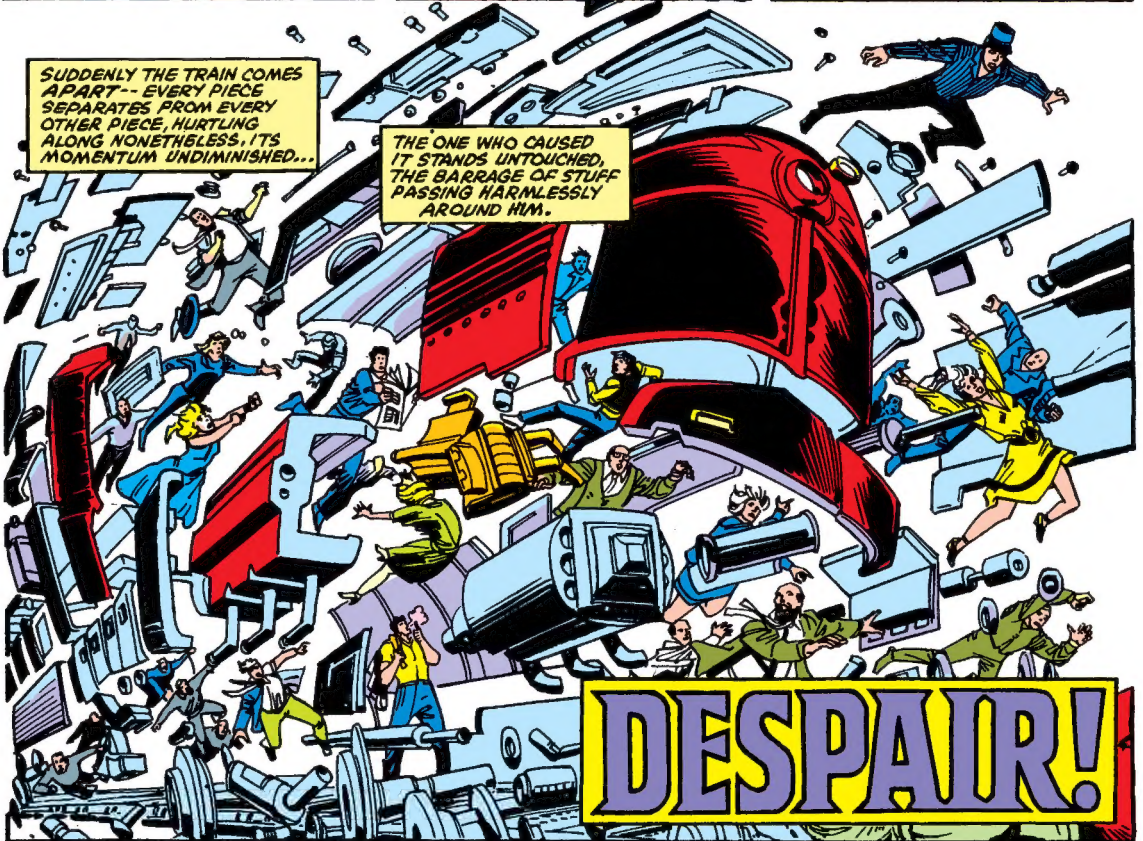


THE FRANTIC SHRIEK OF AN AIR-HORN INTERRUPTS HIS REVERIE...

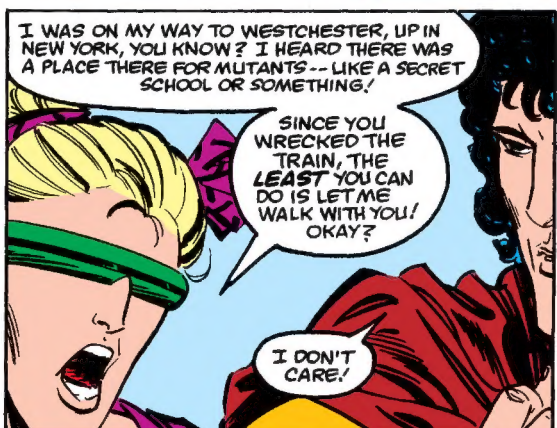
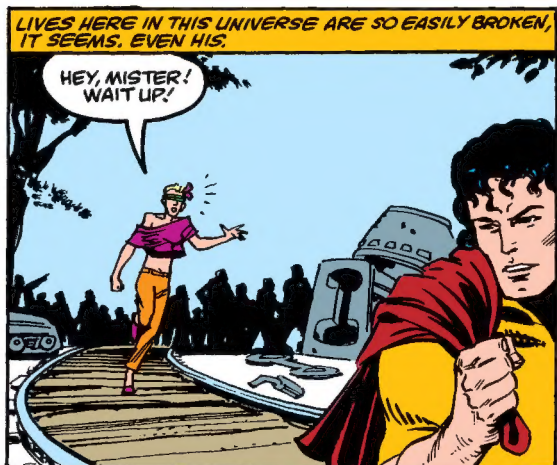
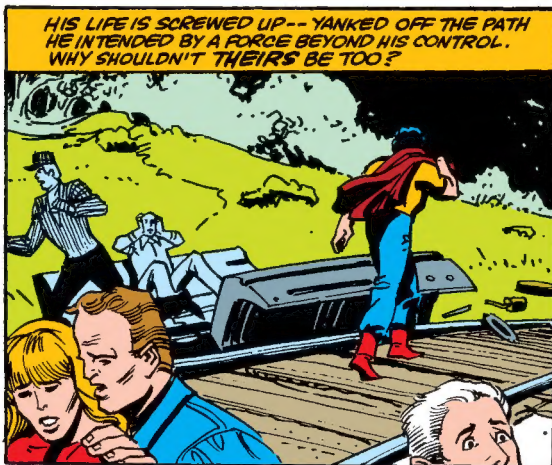


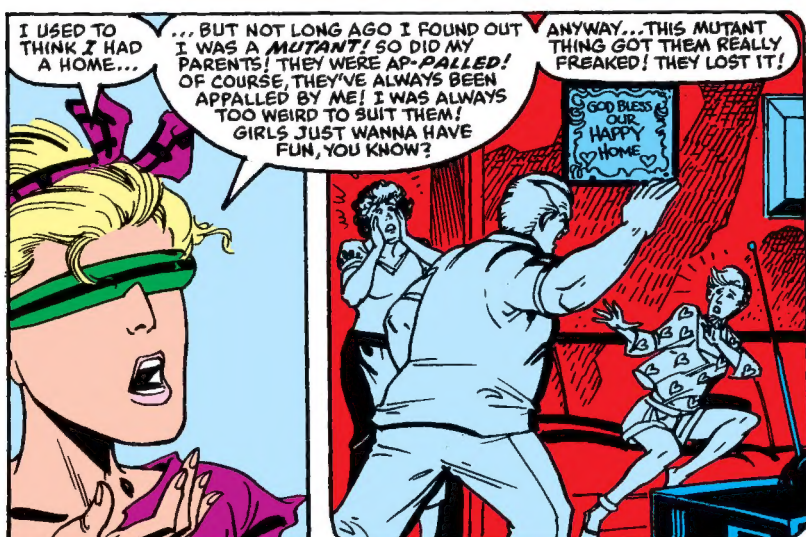
SUDDENLY THE TRAIN COMES APART-- EVERY PIECE SEPARATES FROM EVERY OTHER PIECE, HURLING ALONG NONETHELESS, ITS MOMENTUM UNDIMINISHED...

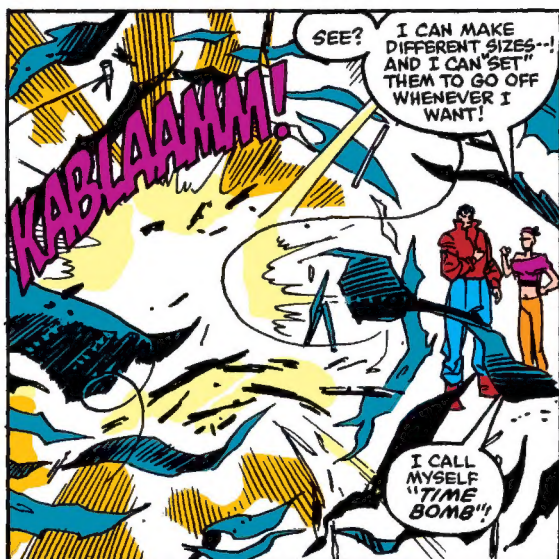
THE ONE WHO CAUSED IT STANDS UNTOUCHED, THE BARRAGE OF STUFF PASSING HARMLESSLY AROUND HIM.



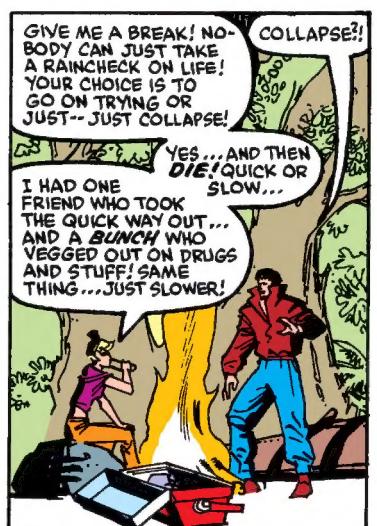
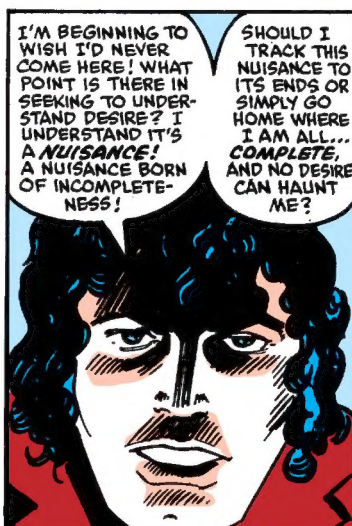
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SCRIPTER PENCILER INKERS LETTERS COLORIST EDITOR

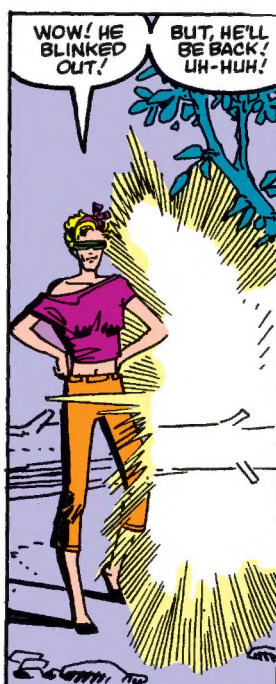
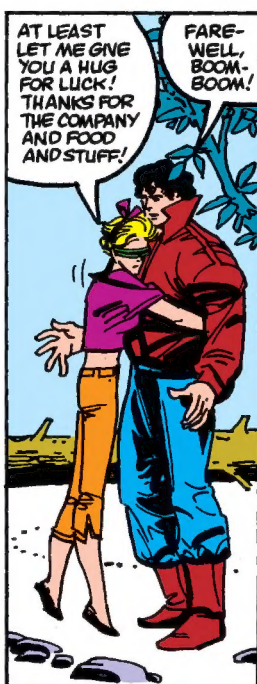






"THAT WENT OVER LIKE A LEAD BALLOON!
SHE FOUGHT IT--! SHE FOUGHT *ME*!
AND EVENTUALLY SHE GAVE THE POWER
BACK TO ME!"





MEANWHILE, IN A UNIVERSE BEYOND TIME, SPACE, AND ALL DIMENSIONS KNOWN TO ANY IN OUR UNIVERSE...

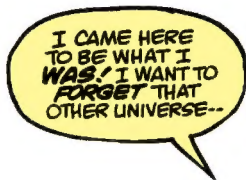
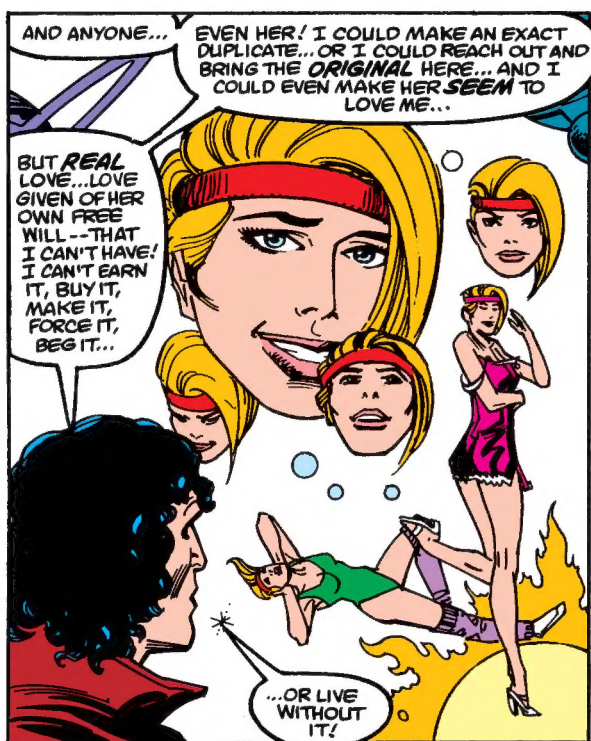
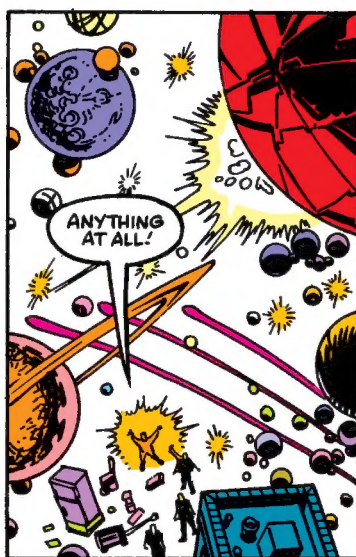
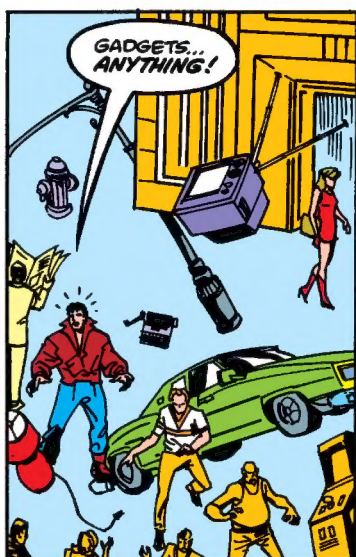


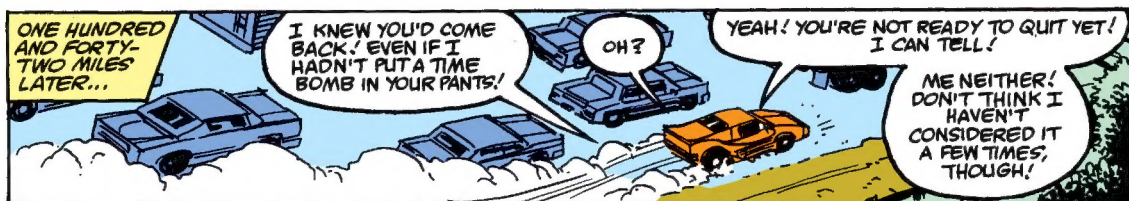
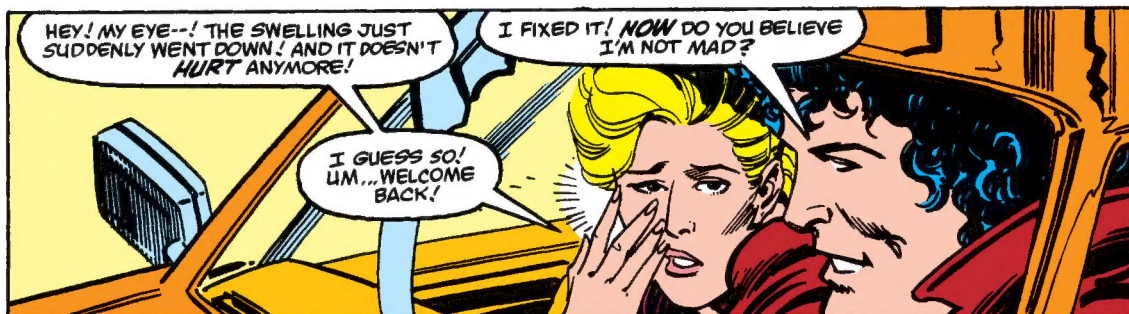
WITHOUT ME, THIS PLACE IS NOTHING!

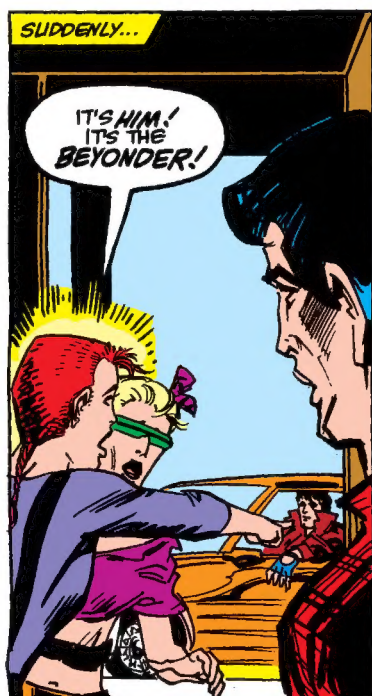
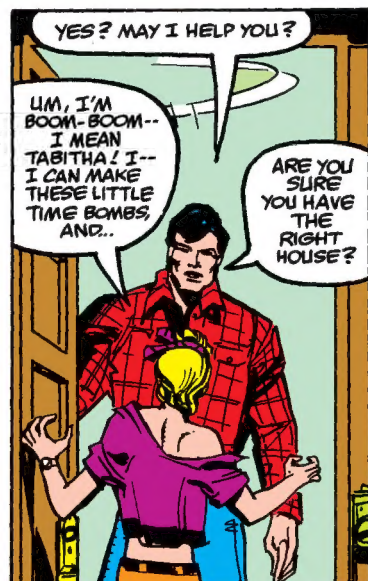
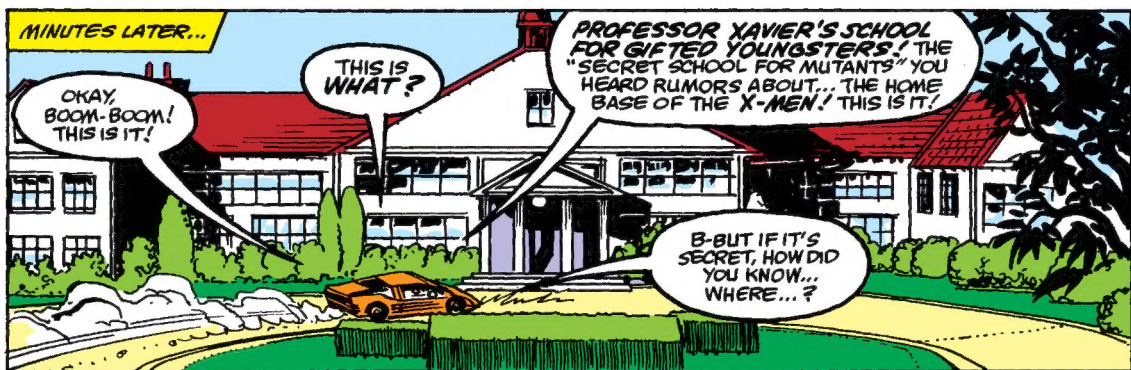
HMP! WITHOUT ME, IT'S NOT EVEN REALLY A PLACE!

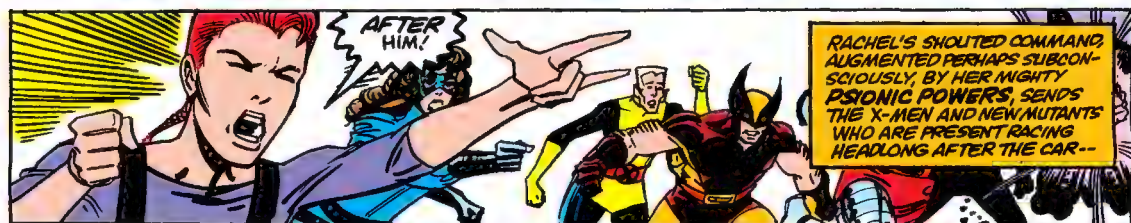
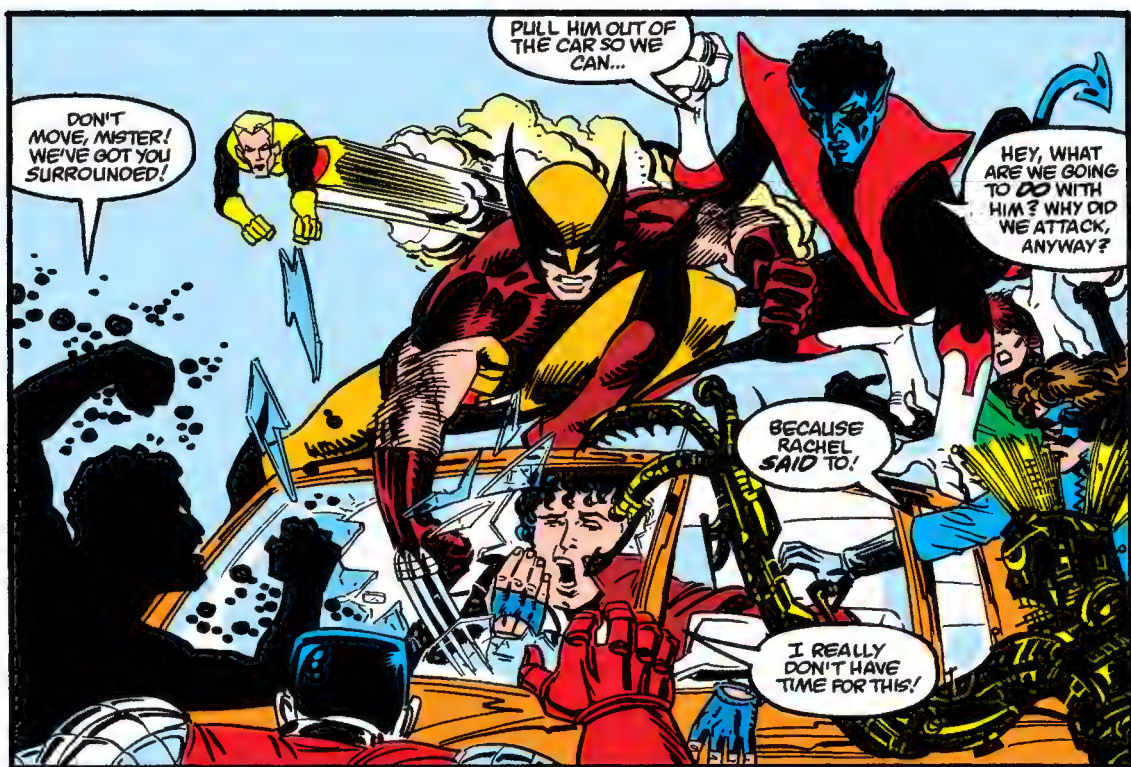
I GUESS I'LL JUST... **DISINCORPORATE**--EXPAND TO FILL, OR ACTUALLY, TO **BECOME** THE OL' BEYOND-REALM AGAIN...

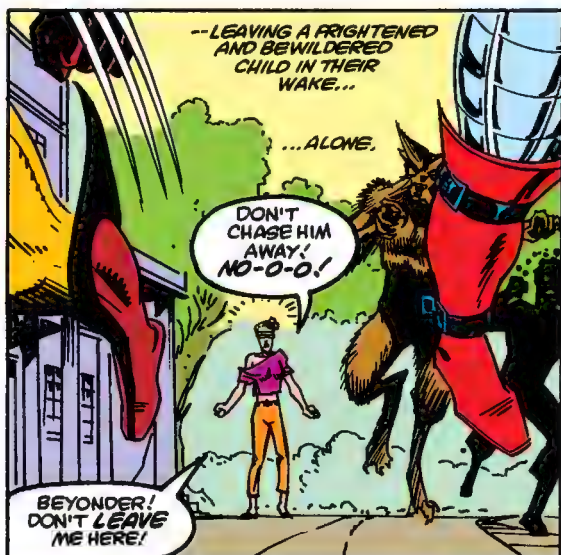












-- LEAVING A FRIGHTENED AND BEWILDERED CHILD IN THEIR WAKE...

...ALONE.

DON'T CHASE HIM AWAY!
NO-O-O!

BEYONDER!
DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!



HE'S GONE!
THEY CHASED HIM
CLEAN OUT OF
SIGHT!

WHY DID HE LEAVE
WITHOUT ME? I
DON'T WANT TO BE
HERE!



SOME
TIME
LATER...

BUT WE
HAD TO
TRY TO

RESTRAIN HIM, WOL-
VERINE! THE BEYONDER'S
TOO DANGEROUS TO BE
ALLOWED TO ROAM
AROUND UNCHECKED!
I CAN SENSE HIS
POWER ON LEVELS
YOU CAN'T! BELIEVE
ME, HE'S...

I BELIEVE YOU, RACHEL-- AND
MAYBE WE SHOULD BE HUNTING
THE BEYONDER FULL TIME! I
THOUGHT THAT THE FIRST
TIME WE ENCOUNTERED
HIM! BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S
YOUR POWER THAT CON-
CERNS ME!

I DON'T LIKE BEING PSIONICALLY
COERCED INTO ANYTHING! MAYBE
WE OUGHT TO HAVE A LITTLE
TALK ABOUT THAT...

WHAT ABOUT THAT
GIRL WE SAW ON
OUR PORCH? DO YOU
THINK THE BEYONDER
BROUGHT HER HERE?
WHY WOULD HE...?

WHO KNOWS?
WE'LL LOOK AROUND
FOR HER LATER --
AFTER WE SETTLE
OUR LITTLE INTERNAL
PROBLEM!



MEANWHILE, DEEP IN
THE WOODS ADJOINING
THE MANSION GROUNDS...

BEYONDER, PLEASE
BE LISTENING AND
HEAR ME, WILL YA?!
I CAN'T YELL ANY-
MORE!

PLEASE COME AND
GET ME! TAKE ME
AWAY FROM HERE!
THAT PLACE ISN'T
WHERE I WANT TO
BE! IT SCARES
ME--!

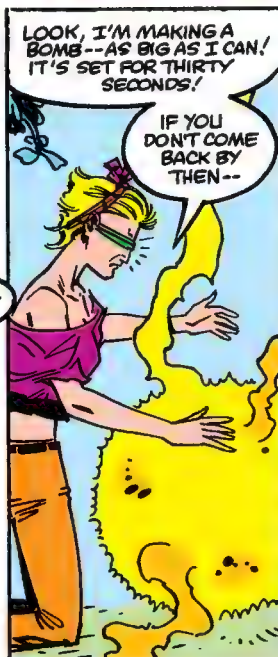


BEYON--DEERRR!

COME ON! I KNOW
YOU CAN HEAR ME!
YOU'RE ALL I HAVE
LEFT!

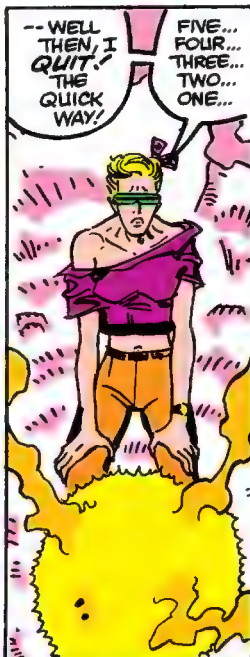
I KNOW I'VE BEEN A
PAIN... BUT GIVE ME
A BREAK, WILL YA?
PLEASE?

PLEASE?!



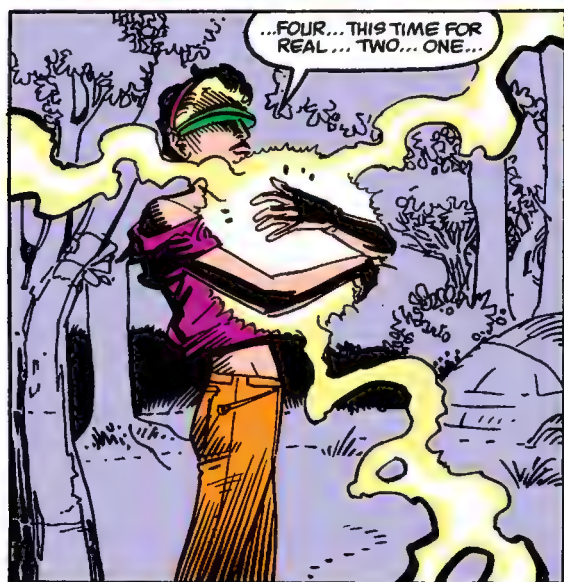
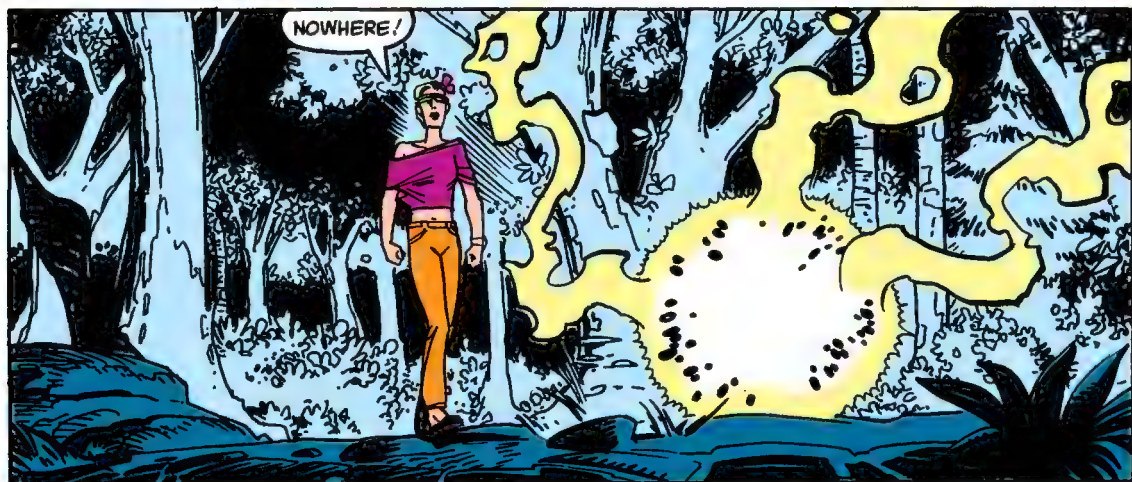
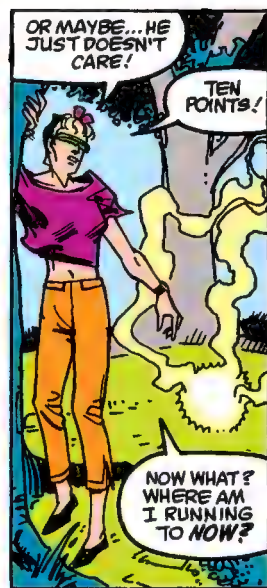
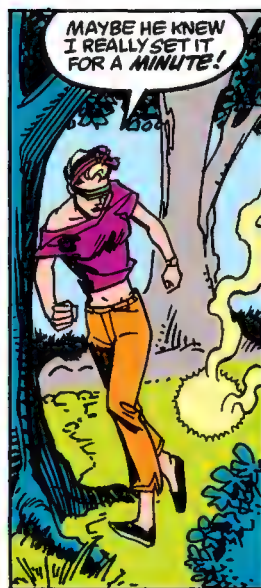
LOOK, I'M MAKING A
BOMB--AS BIG AS I CAN!
IT'S SET FOR THIRTY
SECONDS!

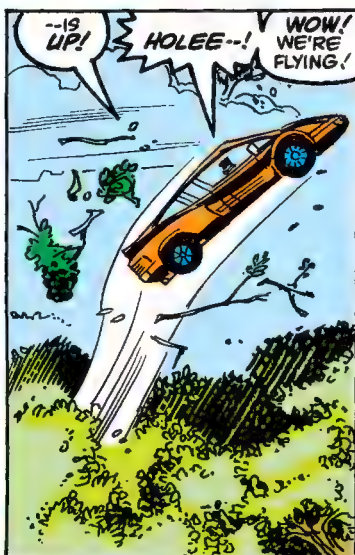
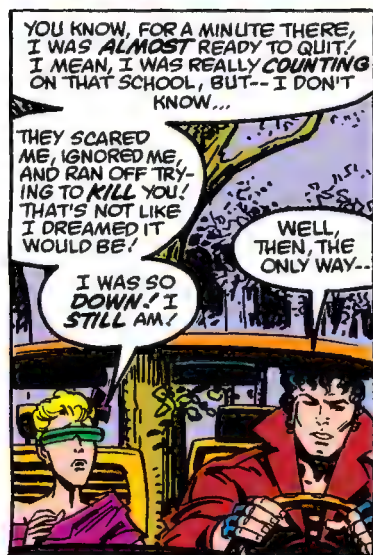
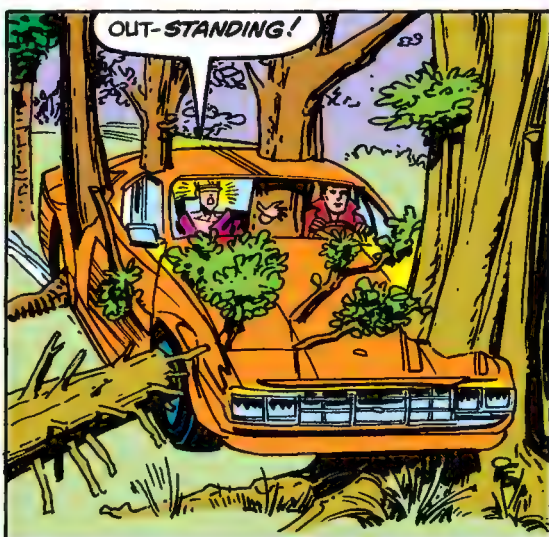
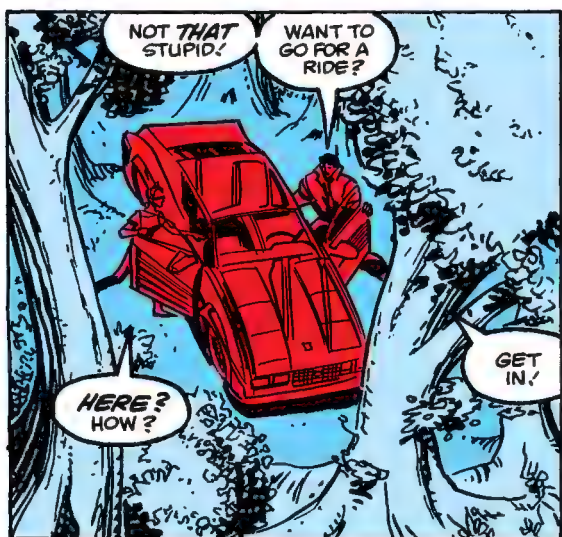
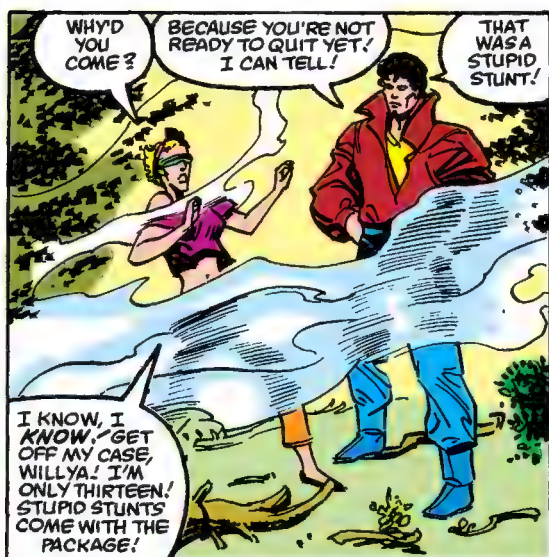
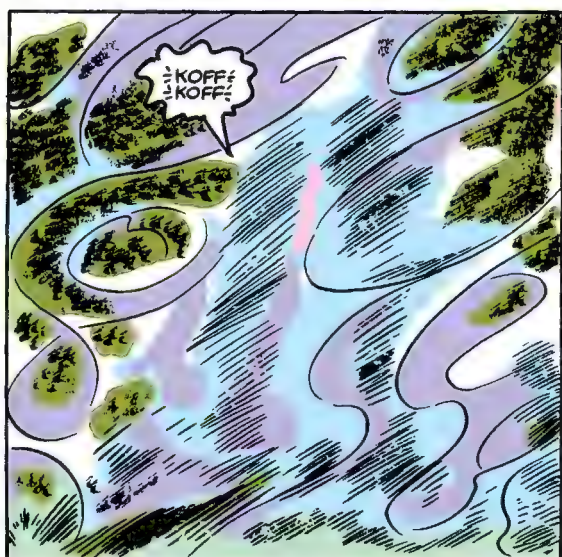
IF YOU
DON'T COME
BACK BY
THEN--



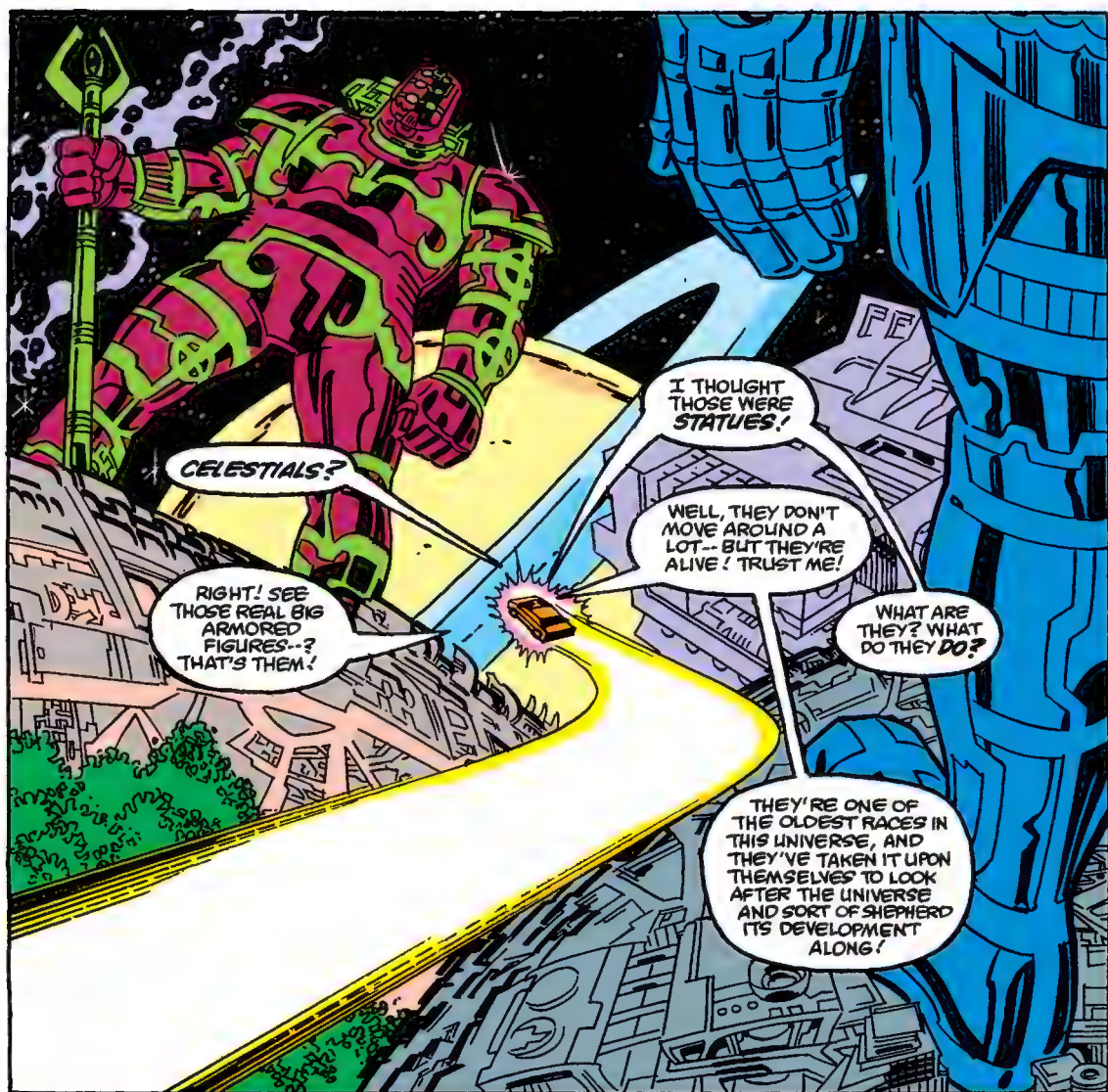
-- WELL
THEN, I
QUIT!
THE
QUICK
WAY!

FIVE...
FOUR...
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...









CELESTIALS?

RIGHT! SEE THOSE REAL BIG ARMORED FIGURES--? THAT'S THEM!

I THOUGHT THOSE WERE STATUES!

WELL, THEY DON'T MOVE AROUND A LOT-- BUT THEY'RE ALIVE! TRUST ME!

WHAT ARE THEY? WHAT DO THEY DO?

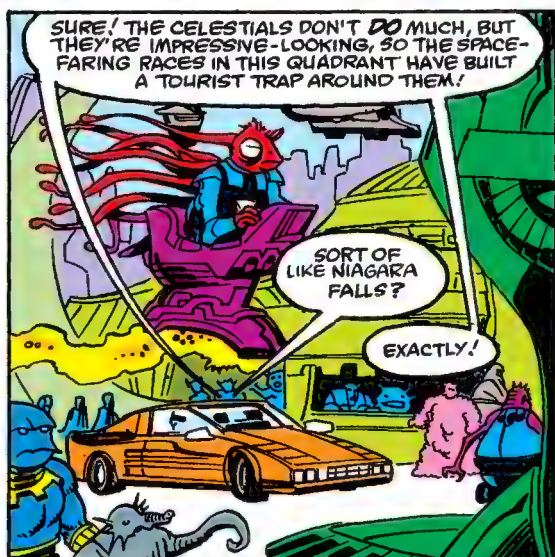
THEY'RE ONE OF THE OLDEST RACES IN THIS UNIVERSE, AND THEY'VE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO LOOK AFTER THE UNIVERSE AND SORT OF SHEPHERD ITS DEVELOPMENT ALONG!



OTHER, LESSER RACES CALL THEM "SPACE GODS!" AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF BIG STIFFS!

ENOUGH OF THIS! LET'S HEAD DOWN TO THE BOARDWALK!

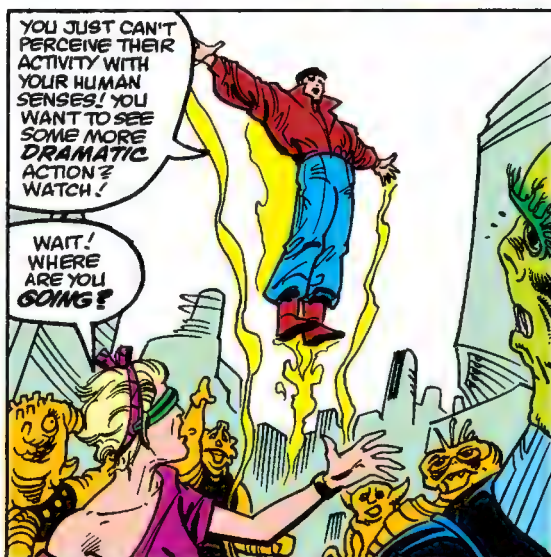
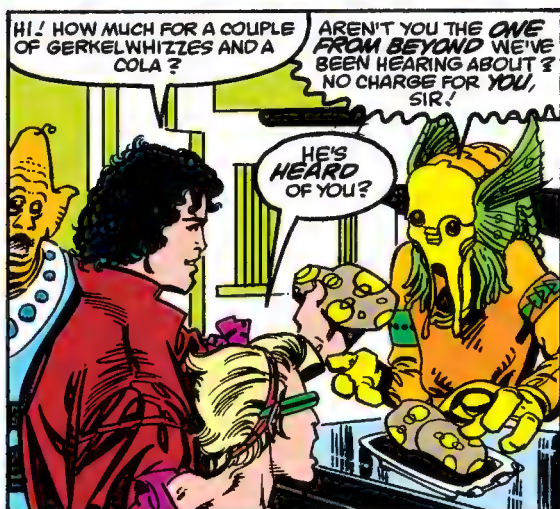
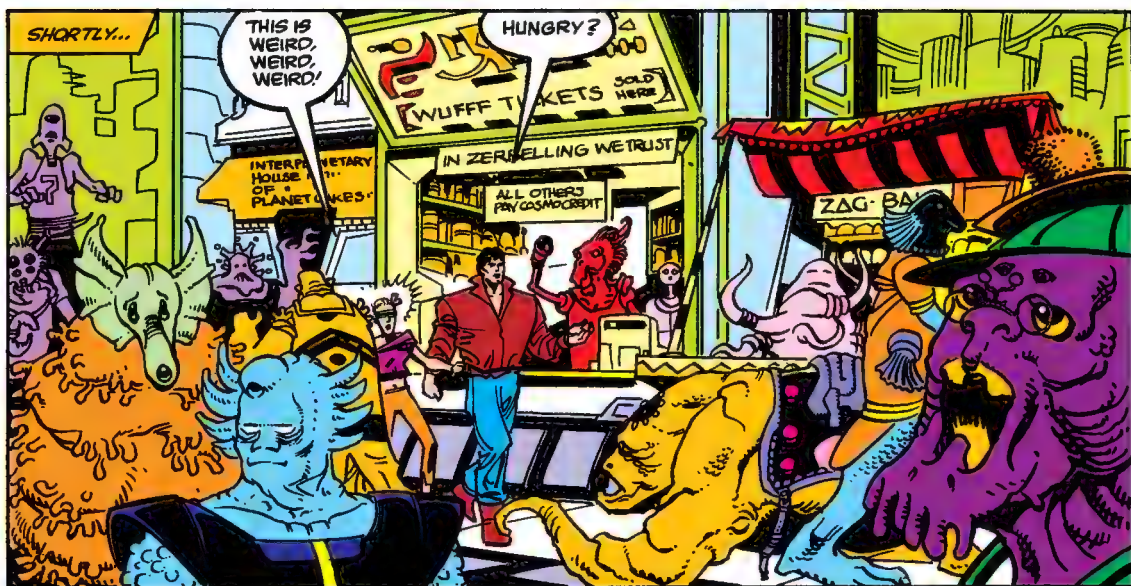
THE BOARDWALK?

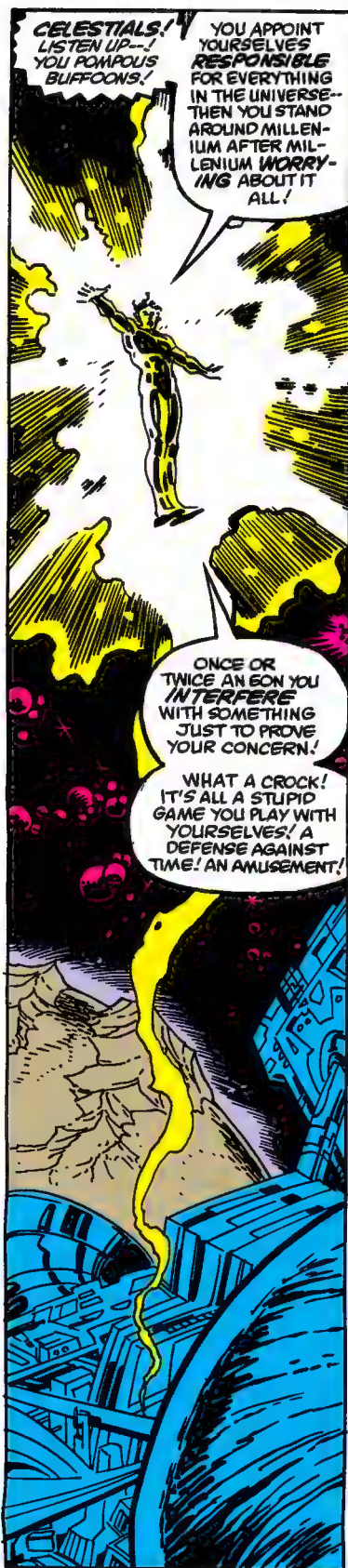


SURE! THE CELESTIALS DON'T DO MUCH, BUT THEY'RE IMPRESSIVE-LOOKING, SO THE SPACE-FARING RACES IN THIS QUADRANT HAVE BUILT A TOURIST TRAP AROUND THEM!

SORT OF LIKE NIAGARA FALLS?

EXACTLY!



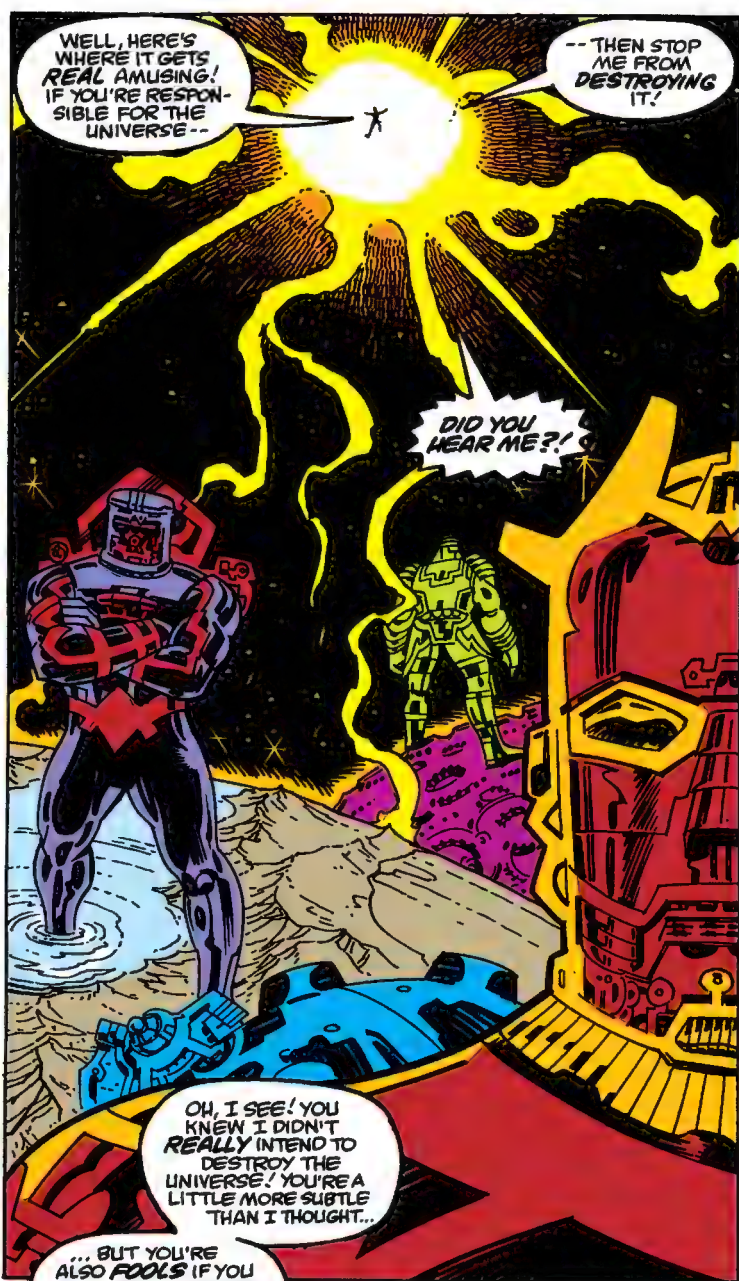


CELESTIALS!
LISTEN UP--
YOU POMPOUS
BUFFOONS!

YOU APPOINT
YOURSELVES
RESPONSIBLE
FOR EVERYTHING
IN THE UNIVERSE--
THEN YOU STAND
AROUND MILLENIUM
AFTER MILLENIUM
WORRYING ABOUT IT
ALL!

ONCE OR
TWICE AN EON YOU
INTERFERE
WITH SOMETHING
JUST TO PROVE
YOUR CONCERN!

WHAT A CROCK!
IT'S ALL A STUPID
GAME YOU PLAY WITH
YOURSELVES! A
DEFENSE AGAINST
TIME! AN AMUSEMENT!



WELL, HERE'S
WHERE IT GETS
REAL AMUSING!
IF YOU'RE RESPON-
SIBLE FOR THE
UNIVERSE--

-- THEN STOP
ME FROM
DESTROYING
IT!

DID YOU
HEAR ME?!

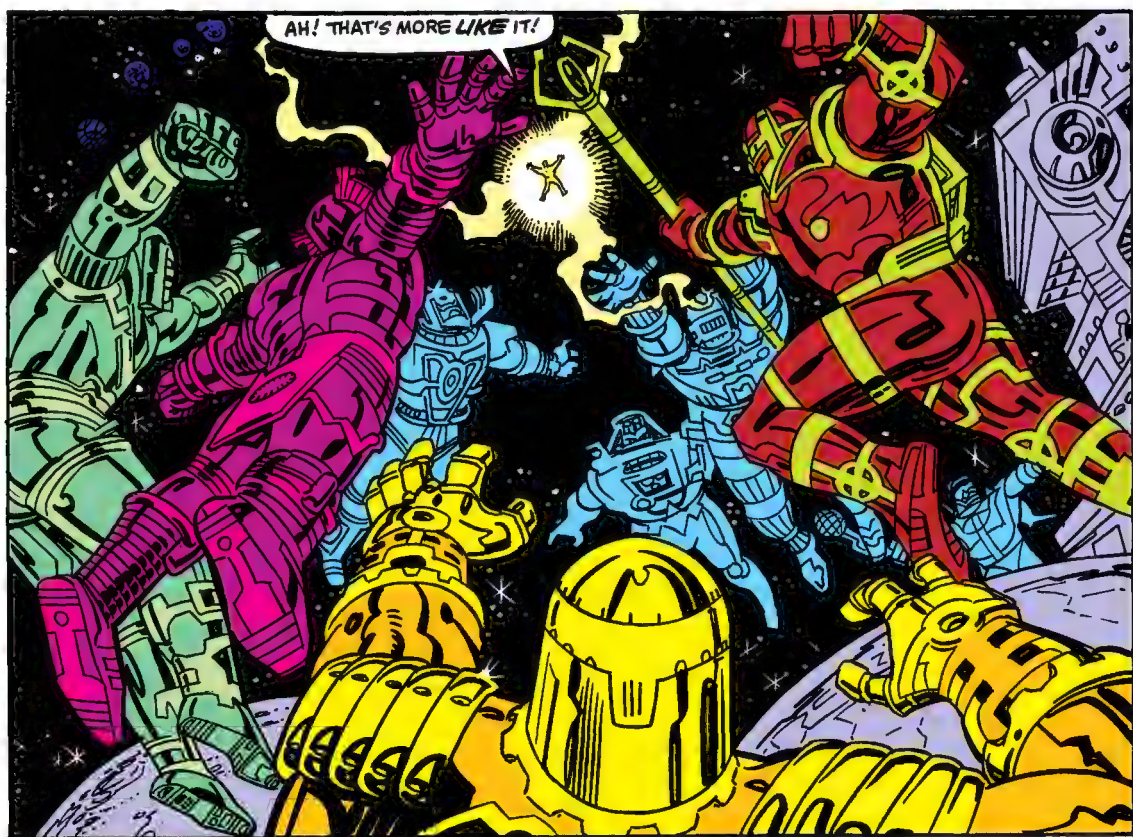
OH, I SEE! YOU
KNEW I DIDN'T
REALLY INTEND TO
DESTROY THE
UNIVERSE! YOU'RE A
LITTLE MORE SUBTLE
THAN I THOUGHT...

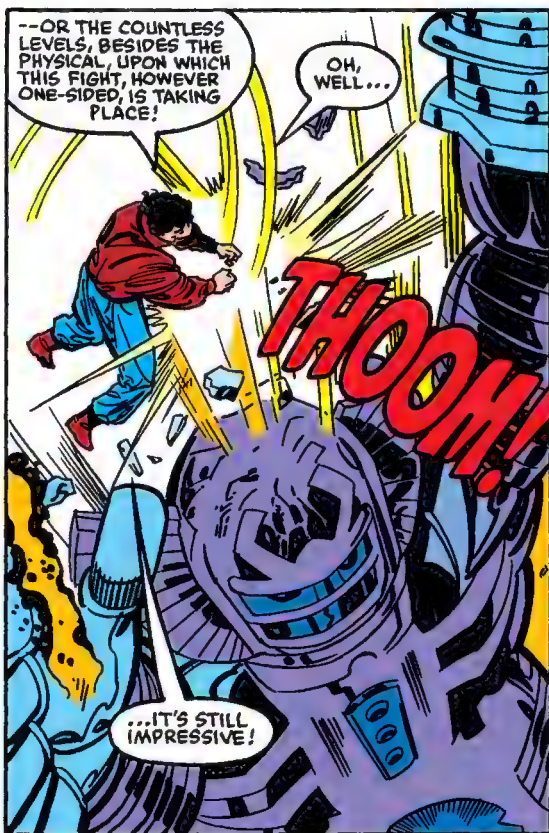
... BUT YOU'RE
ALSO FOOLS IF YOU
THINK THIS UNIVERSE
MEANS A RAT'S
WHISKER TO ME!

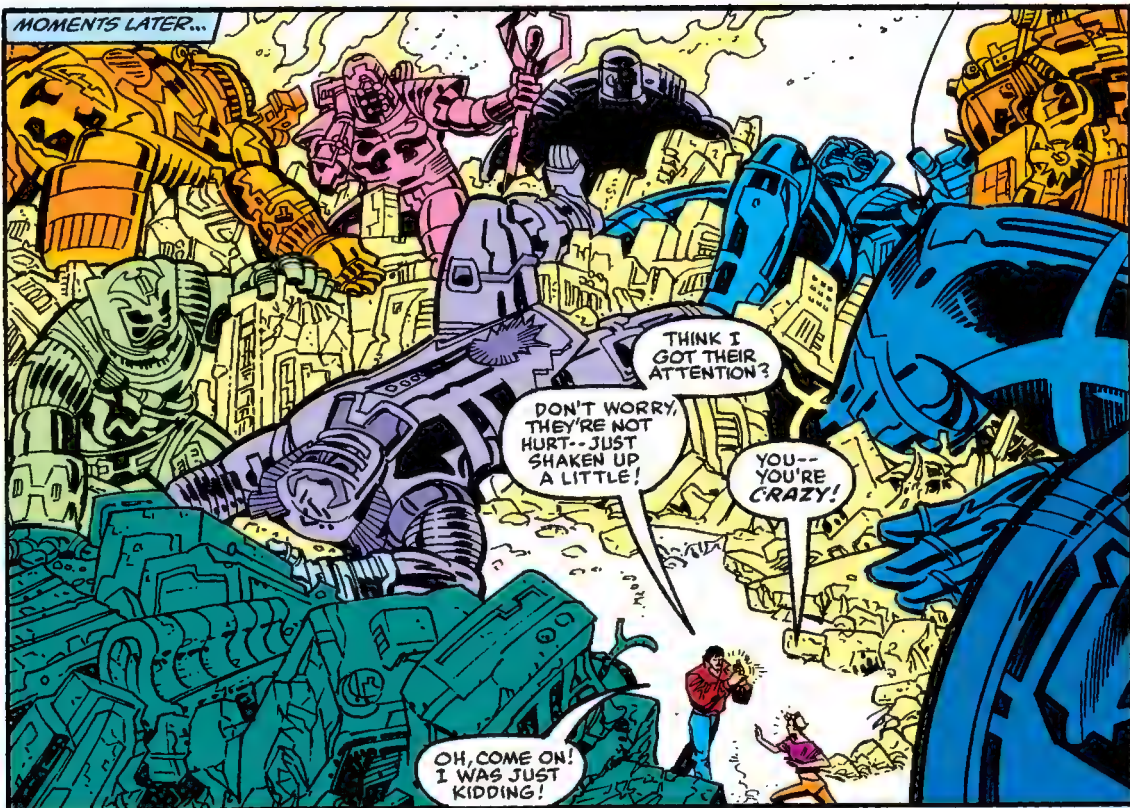


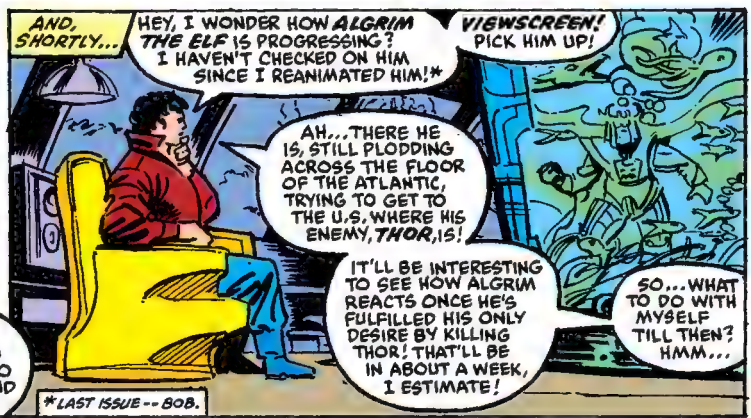
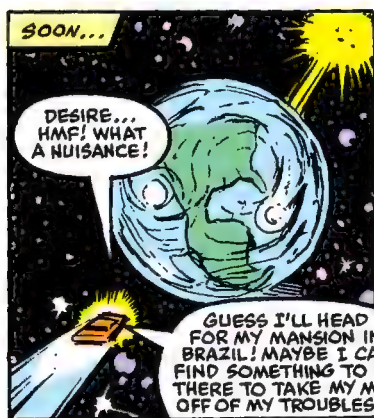
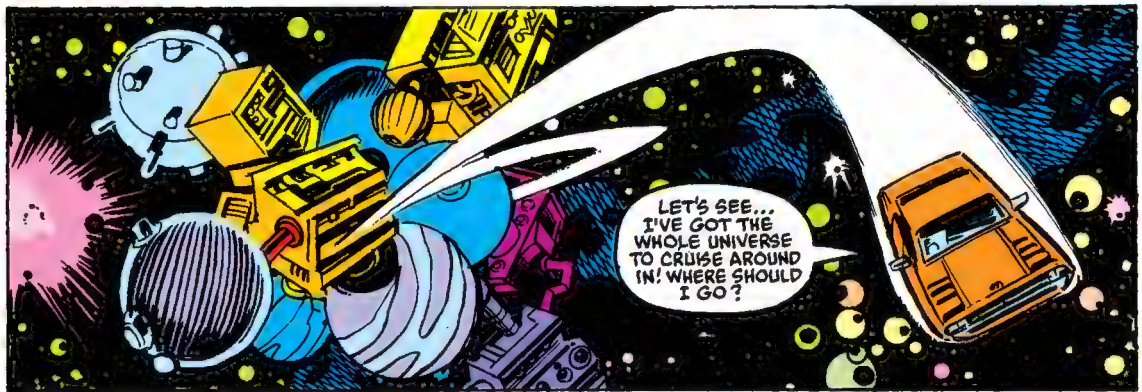
THIS TIME I
MEAN IT! I'LL
GIVE YOU THREE
SECONDS TO TRY
TO STOP ME-- THEN
YOU CAN KISS
CREATION GOODBYE!

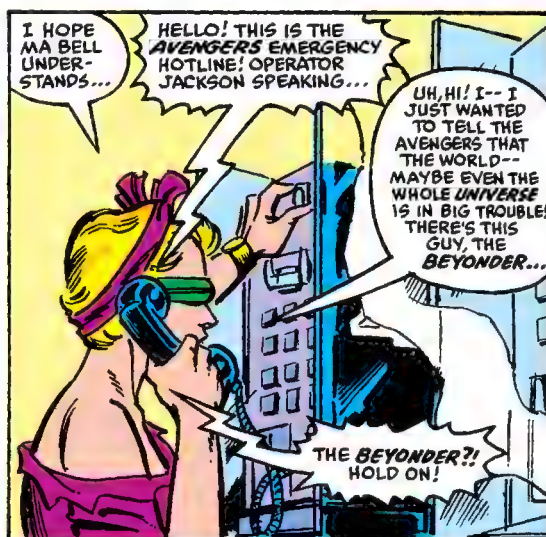
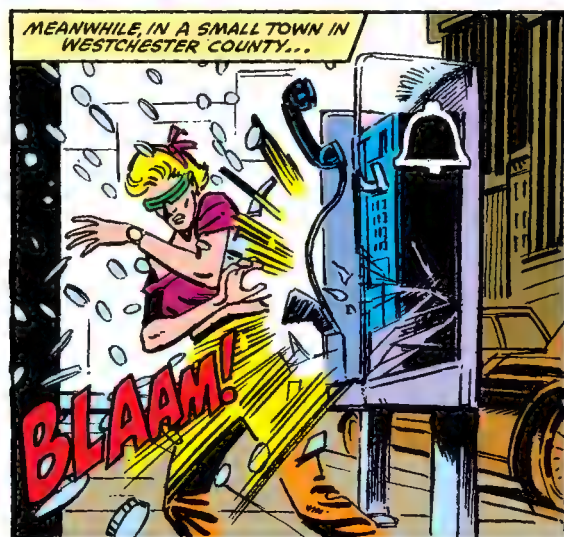
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...

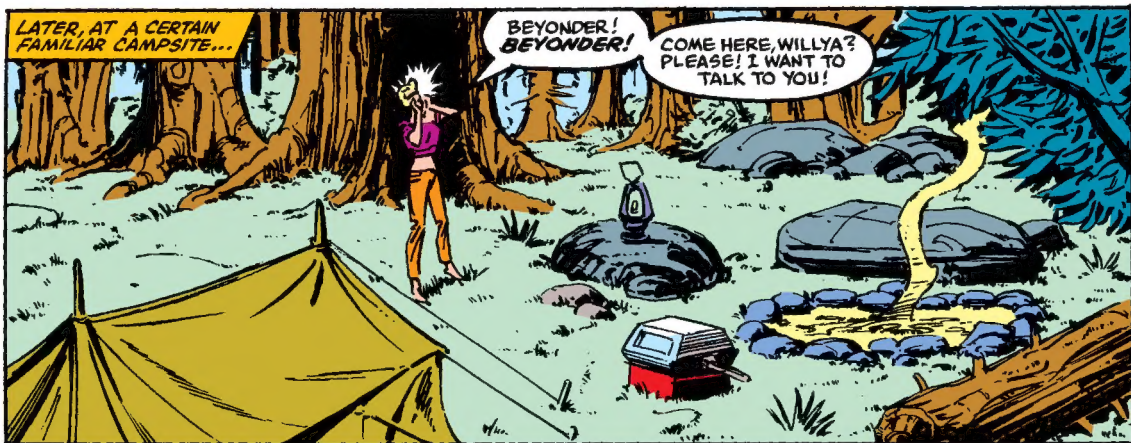


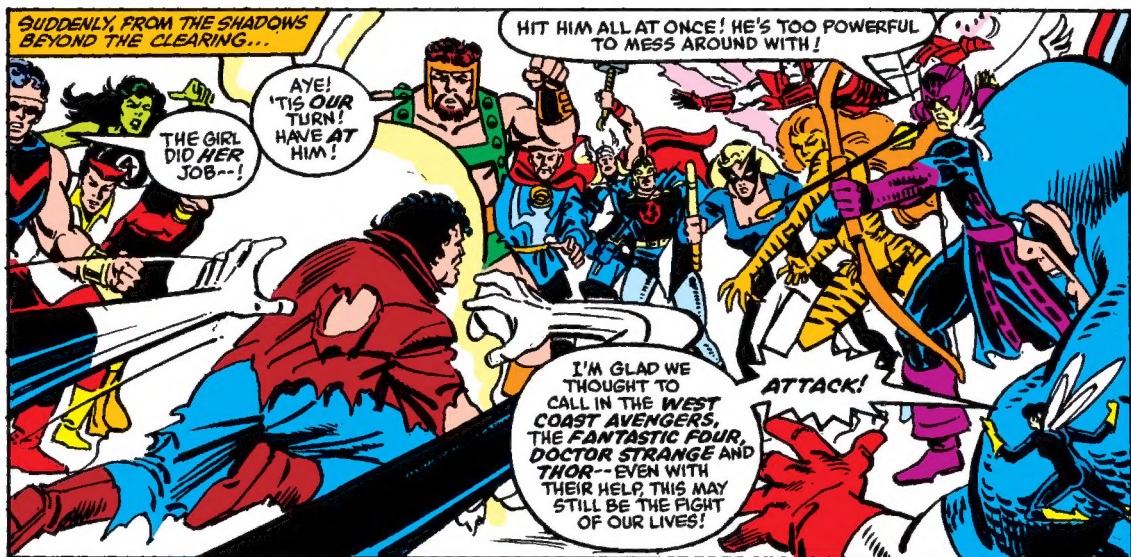


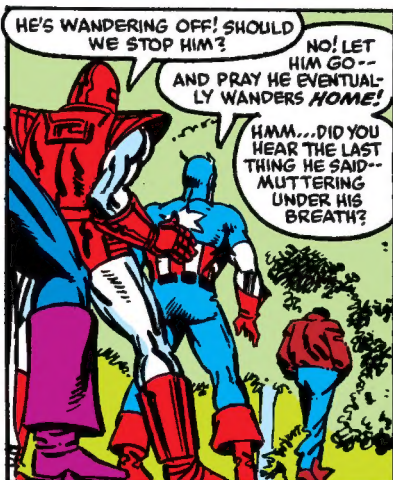












NEXT: The story continues in powerful fashion in *The Thing* #30, wherein Ben Grimm battles the Beyonder one-on-one... in a death match!

And in *Doctor Strange* #74, Doctor Strange makes the choice which will ultimately condemn the entire multiverse to destruction!

And in *The Fantastic Four* #285, the Beyonder plays a critical role in the most moving, dramatic tale you'll read all year,

as the Human Torch prepares to end his career forever!

One month from now, the threads of our cosmic saga are gathered again in *Secret Wars II* #6 which guest-stars *Cloak and Dagger*, *Power Pack*, *Thor*, *Beta Ray Bill*, and virtually all of Marvel's ultra-cosmic entities—Eon, the *In-Betweener*, the *Living Tribunal*, *Chaos*, *Order*, *Galactus*, *Death*, and many more! It is the cosmic event of all time! Don't miss...

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